

Feathers over Freeport - Saturday, April 28, 2012 – Bradbury Mt. State Park

Program Schedule & Location Map



8-10 am - Bird Walk - Meet at the group picnic shelter

Join us for a walk in the woods seeking out spring migrants and woodland residents. All levels of expertise welcome. Bring your own binoculars. Walk lead by Derek and Jeannette Lovitch of Freeport Wild Bird Supply, Mike Freiberg, Birding Market Manager of Nikon Optics, Rich MacDonald of The Natural History Center, and others.

9 am - 5 pm - Hawk Watch - At the summit

Join a Raptor Biologist on the top of Bradbury Mountain. Learn how experts observe, identify and count all raptor and vulture species that fly past Bradbury Mountain. Note: Hike to summit is 1/4-mile - a steep, short 10-minutes; commands a great view. Sponsored by Freeport Wild Bird Supply and Nikon Sport Optics.

9 am - 4 pm - Educational Displays - Located at the group picnic shelter

Test out Nikon binoculars and spotting scopes courtesy of Nikon Sport Optics; learn about our Endangered beach nesting birds through a display and give-aways by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Get bird posters, while they last, and information about the Maine Wildlife Park and Swan Island, between 12 noon and 3 p.m., courtesy of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Start planning your summer visits to Maine Parks by picking up a Maine Park Passport - a handy pocket-size guide to the parks. Sign up to win a FREE camping weekend and learn about our First Time Campers program!

10 - 11:30 am - Bird Walk for Beginners - Meet at the group picnic shelter

Spring is a fantastic time of year to get started in birdwatching. This walk is designed as an introduction to this popular pastime, with an emphasis on the basics and learning common birds. Bring your own binoculars. Walk lead by David Rodrigues of the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, and others.

10 am - 3 pm - Birding Fun & Games - Held in the field near the playground

Learn to sing like a bird and birding basics through games, hands-on activities, and crafts designed for children and families of beginning birders. On-going activities will include a bird call and ID game, binocular craft & instruction, and interactive games. Program led by Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands staff and volunteers. Sponsored by L.L.Bean.

10:30 - 11:30 am - Birding Walk for Children - Meet at the group picnic shelter

Birding is cool! Birding is fun! Imagine something you can do anywhere. You hear a bird, tilt your head to listen, and are able to name the species just from the sound. Or a quick glimpse. Your friends will be impressed! Join naturalist Rich MacDonald, of The Natural History Center, on this beginning birdwalk designed just for kids (parents and adults over 18 must be accompanied by children). Rich will help you learn some of the basics of identifying birds.

10:30 am - 12 noon – Introduction to Hawk Watching – Meet at the summit

Find out what is so intriguing – and so much fun! - about hawkwatching. Join us on the summit of Bradbury Mountain for an introduction to this facet of birdwatching as we cover the basics, such as why we're all standing around on this particular hill and how we conduct our research. Bring binoculars if you have them. Program led by Derek Lovitch of Freeport Wild Bird Supply. Note: Hike to summit is 1/4-mile - a steep, short 10-minutes; commands a great view.

1 - 2:30 pm – Hawk Identification Workshop – Meet at the summit

Whether you are new to hawkwatching, or just want to hone your ID skills, this workshop will give you hands-on experience identifying the raptors of Maine. Using visual aids, and of course the birds themselves migrating past Bradbury Mountain, we will teach you what to look for in telling the different species of hawks apart from each other. Bring your own binoculars. Presented by Derek Lovitch of Freeport Wild Bird Supply.

3-4 pm - Live birds program – Birds of Prey Including an Eagle! - Held at the group picnic shelter

Hope Douglas of Wind Over Wings and a Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk and a raven who thinks he is a bird of prey. Their stories will be told along with the natural history of each species. Sponsored by the Royal River Conservation Trust.

FREE EVENING PROGRAM:

6:30 p.m. - Everything About Puffins - at the Freeport Community Library - featuring Susan Schubel of Project Puffin.

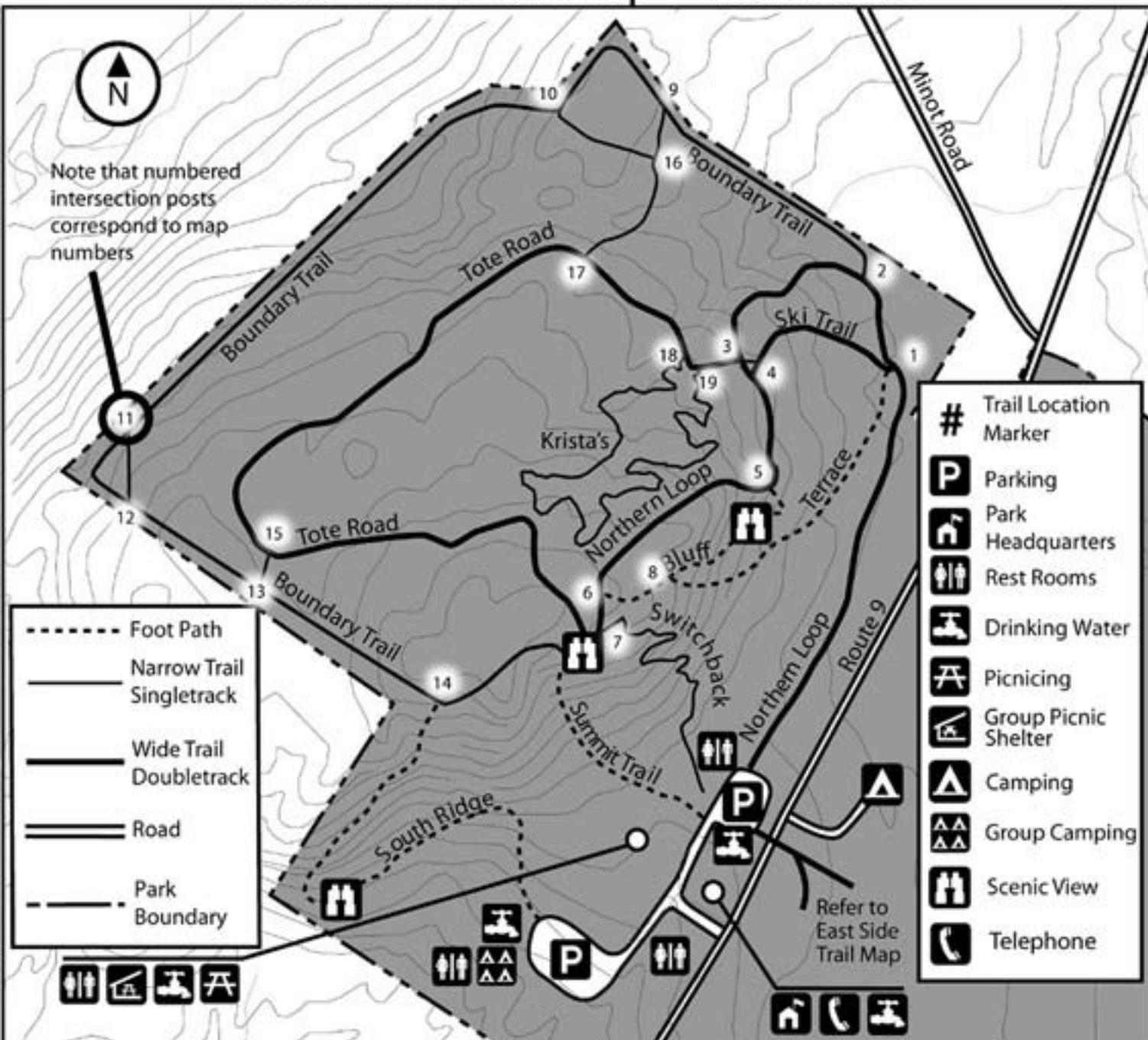
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Susan Schubel, Outreach Educator for Audubon's Project Puffin, will present a slide show entitled "Everything About Puffins". Susan has worked for Project Puffin since 1984 as an research intern, an island supervisor, and now as educator, sharing the wonder of seabirds with Maine kids and adults. Learn all about the life history and biology of the Atlantic Puffin, including brand new information with regard to their previously unknown winter travels! All seabirds, including puffins, were almost extirpated in the late 1800's, due to hunting for feathers and food. In 1973, Dr. Stephen Kress founded Project Puffin to restore puffins and other seabirds to their historic breeding sites. This inspiring story of creative conservation through the development of "social attraction" has influenced seabird restoration around the world. Susan has participated in numerous projects from Quebec to Mexico to Midway Island by supplying the sound equipment which calls birds back to their restored and protected habitats. Prepare to be amazed by the small and supremely well adapted seabird known as the Atlantic Puffin, and empowered by the story of how one person can make a positive difference in the world. Sponsored by L.L.Bean.

Thank you to our event co-sponsors!



Multi-use Trail Map - West Side



Trail Name	Blaze Color	Length (Miles)						Trail Description
Bluff	Red	0.2	●	X	X	X	X	Fairly flat
Boundary	Orange	1.5	■	◆	N	◆	X	Steep areas, sharp turns, icy in winter
Krista's	none	0.8	■	■	N	N	X	Tight and hilly singletrack
Northern Loop	Blue	1.0	●	■	■	■	■	Wide, gradual ascent to summit
Ski	Green	0.2	●	■	■	■	■	Short gradual ascent
South Ridge	Red	0.5	■	X	X	X	X	Some steep areas with stair ascents
Summit	White	0.3	■	X	X	X	X	Steepest ascent, but not a difficult hike
Switchback	none	0.3	■	◆	X	◆	N	Very steep with sharp turns
Terrace	Gray	0.3	■	X	X	X	X	Wide, well packed, gradual ascent
Tote Road	White	1.0	●	●	●	●	X	Flat and wide

● = Easier ■ = Intermediate ◆ = Most Difficult X = Not Allowed N = Not Recommended

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